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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Meeting on PRM 10

1. Secretary Brown chaired a meeting of the Force Posture Subcommittee of PRM 10 on 1 April. The purpose was to discuss an elaborate alternate strategies proposal prepared by Lynn Davis' working group.

2. Mr. Brown opened the discussion by noting that the paper as it stood describes "stances" rather than strategies. It needs a time factor: Where do we want to get? In other words, force postures must be related to national goals. There was general agreement that in some way the paper ought to be related both to where we are now and where we are heading. There was apparently general agreement that some consolidation of strategies and limiting of their numbers would be required to make the project do-able.

3. After considerable unfocused discussion, Mr. Brown decided that the working group should add a column to its matrices showing for each stance in each area the presumed situation that would result from it 10 years hence. For each area there would be prepared also a one-page list of key issues, i.e., for NATO/Warsaw Pact, the issue of warning time. Mr. Brown will then show these to the President and ask the President to indicate which strategies he wishes examined. The working group will then refine these strategies. DoD will size the appropriate forces and will work with OMB on the costing implications. State and ACDA are to collaborate on the arms control dimensions of each strategy.


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